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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1917.

TWO CEN.

## ALL PERSONS ON WENTWORTH LOST

Steamship Arriving Here  
Reports No Survivors on  
Vessel Sunk Sept. 8

## PROBABLY WERE NO AMERICANS ABOARD

There Were Fifty Men in the Wentworth's Crew, According to Officials of French Line Which Had the Vessel Under Charter.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 27.—A report that all persons on board the British steamship Wentworth were lost when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine was brought here by passengers on a British steamship which arrived today.

The Wentworth, of 2,381 tons, was on a voyage from New York to Bordeaux, when, as reported last week, she was destroyed on Sept. 8, presumably off the French coast. The British vessel which arrived here today was at the time east-bound in the vicinity of the Wentworth. There was about 50 men in the Wentworth's crew, according to officials here of the French line which had the vessel under charter. No Americans were on board, it was believed.

## BRITISH HOLDING LINES STRONGLY

Situation Resulting from the New Offensive Reported to Be Exceedingly Satisfactory.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, by The Associated Press.—The British are maintaining their new lines strongly. The main battle today was in the neighborhood of Amiens, where the British were attacking the German line. The situation as a whole is virtually unchanged. Northwest of Zonnebeke heavy fighting continues in the region of the elevations which dominate a considerable extent of territory. From the British standpoint the situation resulting from the new offensive is exceedingly satisfactory.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The fighting yesterday afternoon and evening along the front of the new British attack in the Ypres sector was exceedingly severe, says today's official statement. The Germans made four vain counter attacks in great strength.

## Centre Congregational Church

Runaway sale beginning Thursday noon and continuing through Friday and Saturday in the vacant store in the Emerson building on Elliot street. Any who have articles are asked to send them to the store if possible Thursday forenoon.

Friday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p. m.—Midweek meeting of the church. Will Christ be superseded? John 8:12.

Italy day and promotion exercises of the Sunday school will be held Sunday morning at 10:30. Every member of every class is asked to meet in the chapel at 10:15 to form for the procession.

## Red Men's Hall

Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Pocahontas Council.

## FAMOUS AMERICA SOLD.

Yacht Which Won Cup in 1851 to Be Preserved as a Museum.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—The schooner yacht America, which in 1851 won the Royal Yacht Squadron cup, since successfully defended as the America's cup in 12 international races, was sold today to members of the Eastern Yacht club of Marblehead. The principal object of the purchasers was to save the famous craft from the scrap heap or from being refitted for commercial use between New Bedford and the Cape Verde islands. It was said the America probably would be preserved as a museum.

## SMALLEST TOTAL OF U-BOAT LOSSES

British Admiralty Reports Sinking of 13 Vessels Over 1,600 Tons in Past Week.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Thirteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons and over and two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the weekly admiralty statement issued last evening. In the aggregate this is the smallest number of vessels sunk during any one week since Germany began her intensified submarine warfare last February. Two fishing vessels also were sunk last week.

The smallest aggregate of vessels sunk in any previous week since the February undersea campaign was inaugurated by Germany was 16-14 merchantmen of 1,500 tons and over, and two of less than 1,500 tons. This was during the week ending August 12. Last week, the admiralty report showed 28 merchantmen sunk—eight of more than 1,600 tons and 20 of less tonnage.

PARIS, Sept. 26, delayed.—The French admiralty tonight announced the following losses by submarines or mines for the week ending Sept. 23. Over 1,600 tons, seven, one previously; under 1,600 tons, five, two previously. Three steamers were attacked unsuccessfully. No fishing vessels were lost.

## MILK PRICES WILL BE HIGHER IN BOSTON

Food Administrator Has Asked Contractors and Producers to Meet Him in Conference.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Henry B. Endicott, state food administrator, asked milk contractors and producers to confer with him today with regard to the proposed demand of the producers for an advance in price of at least a cent a quart. Leading contractors have said that such an advance would compel them to add two cents to the retail price of milk, bringing it up to 15 cents in this city. A conference also was arranged for today between contractors, producers and members of the Boston public safety committee.

## PARALYSIS AT WOODSTOCK.

Schools Closed and Children Under 16 Aged in Quarantine.

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 27.—Eleanor Jones, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Jones, is ill, having been unconscious since Tuesday noon and the case has been diagnosed as meningitis type of infantile paralysis. She was not attending school, but schools have been closed for two weeks and Health Officer C. W. Kidder has quarantined all children under 16 at their homes for the same period.

## POLICE ARREST GERMAN PLOTTERS

Over 100 Picked Up in Raids Which Began in New York City Last Night

## PLANNED TO WRECK FINE MACHINERY

Some of Them in Possession of Substance to Be Used in the Work of Destruction — Probably Directed by Agents in Europe.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Plans to wreck the machinery in munition shops in America at the bidding of German agents in Europe are believed by the police to have been defeated through the arrest of 100 Germans and German sympathizers in a raid which began here last night and was continued today.

This forenoon the aliens, each guarded by a detective, were placed in automobiles at police headquarters and left for Ellis Island, where it was announced they will be interned for the duration of the war.

Nearly all the men arrested are mechanics. A number are employed in munitions plants and on navy contracts. In the possession of some were found quantities of carbide in pulverized form, a substance used to destroy delicate machinery. The men had been under surveillance many months, according to the police. The suspicion is held that the carbide had been brought here from German agents in Scandinavian countries.

## PILGRIM FATHERS OFFICER OPTIMISTIC

Mrs. W. F. Mixer Thinks Local Members Need Not Be Alarmed at Financial Tangle of the Order.

According to Mrs. W. F. Mixer, secretary of Fort Dunmore Colony, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, Brattleboro members have no occasion for alarm because of the recent appointment of a receiver at Boston for the supreme council.

Mrs. Mixer stated today that the local colony is in a flourishing condition, is out of debt and has money in the treasury. There are at present 33 members and she pronounces it a nice, social order. Only recently officers for the ensuing year were elected.

A few days ago Mrs. Mixer received a letter from Supreme Secretary George F. Bradstreet of Boston which explained that because of a suit filed against the order the state commissioner of insurance had been appointed to the appointment of a receiver. He advised members to go ahead with the annual election and gave assurances that all insured members would be taken care of.

## BASKET EMPLOYEES CLUB TOGETHER

Reformer Tobacco Fund Gets Substantial Contribution from Basket Makers in Williamsville.

The West River basket boys, some of whom doubtless are tobacco users and appreciate the satisfaction of having material on hand for a smoke, sent in a contribution of \$9.25 to the Reformer tobacco fund this morning, to be sent to the American soldiers in Europe. Seventeen of the employees of the West River Basket Co. of Williamsville contributed to the fund. Here is an idea that will might be copied by employees in other shops.

## HEFLIN ON THE GRILL.

May Be Asked to Substantiate Charges Made in Speech.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The house rules committee met today to act on resolutions calling for an investigation of charges made against members by Representative Hefflin of Alabama and others alleged to have been made by Representative Howard of Georgia in connection with the revelation that Count Von Bernstorff sought \$50,000 to influence congress. Representative Hefflin has reiterated his willingness to name to an investigation committee the men that he declared on the floor of the house had "acted suspiciously" in connection with the war. Published reports that President Wilson has rebuked Mr. Hefflin for his speech are formally denied in a statement issued by Secretary Tumulty.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

No. 1 Ford roadster will be on sale at Manley's garage Friday, Sept. 28, between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

## CIDER APPLES WANTED

Will pay 40c per 100 lbs. for cider apples delivered at Brattleboro railroad station. For time of loading write or telephone F. L. Wellman. Phone 15-2.

## HOW CONGESTION WILL BE RELIEVED

Brattleboro Freight Shippers and Railroad Men to Co-operate in Sending Capacity Carloads.

During the meeting of shippers and railroad officials in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon the vital necessity of transportation in winning the war was emphasized. It was the sentiment that every concern shipping freight must do its full duty in helping the railroads move the vast volume of business and war necessities.

According to statements made by officials present, the railroads of this country are carrying an amount of freight in the present time greater than that of 1915 which is equal to the entire freight of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Switzerland and Russia. The United States war board has cut down car shortage nearly 70 per cent. One thousand Boston & Maine cars have been taken from that road and diverted to the West, where they are badly needed.

This means that in New England greater volume of business can be moved with a big shortage of equipment. It was said that the railroads are succeeding in doing it.

Freight service has necessarily suffered said E. J. Guthrie, superintendent of the New London division of the central Vermont railroad. The roads no longer attempt to run express service for their freight. Freight trains are no longer run at a 40 or 50 mile an hour rate, for that means more fuel consumption and quicker depreciation of equipment, and fuel and rolling stock must be conserved. Railroads are no longer sending out cars that are not loaded to cubic capacity, so that tonnage must be increased.

The shippers and committeemen at the meeting agreed that it was their patriotic duty to help the railroads, and Station Agent Samuel Ashby will draw up a schedule of carsmen which freight will be accepted for certain points.

After this has been approved by the transportation committee it will be printed and distributed to the shippers. Changes may have to be made from time to time, and they will be whenever necessary. The railroads agreed to co-operate to the limit to give Brattleboro shippers the best possible service.

Under the new schedule business concerns will hold their freight for certain destinations until the day set. This will relieve congestion at the freight house—an important item because of labor shortage. Cars can be loaded quickly, and being loaded to cubic capacity they will be sent along the route avoiding transfers as much as possible.

Cars loaded to full capacity will eliminate re-handling at transfer points with the resulting benefit of rapid transit, less breakage and pilfering.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has announced that after Oct. 1 it will have certain dates for receiving goods for various destinations. No less than carload lots will be accepted on scheduled days.

## WALKER WILL CASE STARTS AT NEWFANE

Two Witnesses Examined This Forenoon—Home for Aged and Disabled Seeks to Break Document.

County court began this morning the trial of the Walker will case, the drawing of the jury for which was begun yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the Johnson-Temple case, and two witnesses had been examined when the noon recess was taken.

In this case the Brattleboro Home for the Aged and Disabled contests the second will of the late George W. Walker of Dummerston, who died in March, 1916, leaving his property, which is estimated to amount to about \$15,000, to his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Randall of Dummerston.

Mr. Walker executed a will Oct. 20, 1914, leaving the income of his property to his daughter as needed, the property to go eventually to the Home for the Aged. His second will was executed Dec. 6, 1915, and is now in contest. Mr. Walker was over 90 years of age and alleged by the Home that he was unduly influenced and that he was mentally incapacitated from making the second will. Upon the outcome of this trial will depend future action with reference to the first will.

Early in the present term a motion was made to have the two cases consolidated, but the court overruled the motion, so the present case concerns the second will only.

The two witnesses examined this forenoon were A. J. Hildreth, who was one of the witnesses to the second will, and Beatty S. Balestier. Both testified to Mr. Walker's mental condition as they knew him and said they considered him competent to execute the second will.

The attorneys for Mr. and Mrs. Randall, the proponents, are R. C. Bacon and W. R. Daley and for the contestants Chase & Chase, Harvey & Whitney and H. G. & F. E. Barber.

## MRS. E. H. CRANE APPOINTED.

Named by Gov. Graham as Member of State Free Library Commission. (Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, Sept. 27.—Gov. Graham has appointed Mrs. Ephraim H. Crane of Brattleboro a member of the State Free Library commission, vice Miss Fannie B. Fletcher of Cavendish, resigned.

## MISS EIDLER SENT EXPENSIVE GIFTS

Additional Facts Concerning Suspected Former Local Nurse

## SAID TO HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSIT

Letter of Recommendation Which She Had from Brattleboro Physician Gave Inspector Clue as to Her Former Residence Here.

From stories being circulated it develops that Miss Christine Eidler, the Austrian girl formerly a pupil nurse at the Memorial hospital, who is reported to be detained with a man in Florida on the ground of being a German spy, was well regarded while in Brattleboro and was entertained at homes of well-known people.

Among those who came to know her well was A. W. J. Wilkins, selectman and deputy sheriff, at whose house Miss Eidler was a frequent visitor. He stated today that she always carried a plentiful supply of money with her and he often wondered where she obtained it. It is also known that the nurse carried a balance of about \$500 in one of the banks.

Mr. Wilkins commented on the fact that she was always dressed in the height of fashion and made numerous trips out of town, saying that she was going to New York. While away it was her custom to send back presents to Mr. Wilkins's grandchildren, such as dresses, etc., some of which he believes must have cost \$15 to \$18.

Miss Eidler, it is said, always told a pitiful story of the way in which her folks had lost everything they possessed shortly after the European war broke out, and she claimed to have several brothers in the service from whom she had not heard in a long time.

Those who knew her best say that she was in the habit of purchasing surgical instruments from the different drug stores and this gives rise to the story that she was shipping them to Germany whenever the opportunity came.

Mr. Wilkins says that he met a man with her on numerous occasions, whom she referred to as her uncle, and it is believed that this is the one taken into custody with her as they were about to sail from Florida to Cuba.

After leaving Brattleboro Miss Eidler sent several souvenir postcards back to her friends from different cities, including Washington, Cincinnati and Chicago.

The secret service man who was in town Tuesday looking up Miss Eidler's record was desirous, it is said, of connecting her with Cincinnati, stating that she had denied ever being in that place. He carried away the card which came from there.

It is understood that a letter of recommendation from a Brattleboro physician, which Miss Eidler had, gave the inspector his clue that she formerly lived here.

## STATED DAYS FOR RED CROSS WORK

Cut This Out for Reference as It Will Save Confusion and Annoyance—Telephone Number 396.

Beginning next week the days for work at the Red Cross rooms will be as follows:

Sewing meetings Tuesday and Fridays from 2:30 to 5 p. m. as usual.

Surgical dressings meetings will be held Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 5, instead of Wednesdays as previously.

The evening sessions will be on Wednesdays from 7 to 9:45 as usual.

Monday afternoons will be given over to the national surgical dressings, which are now a part of the Red Cross work but are after the French models.

Women are asked to come and work at any or all of these meetings.

Cut this out for future reference as further notice will not be given unless some change is made.

Attention is called once more to the fact that the rooms are open every weekday from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. and from 2:30 to 5 p. m. The telephone number is 396 and anyone wishing information in regard to any of the Red Cross work is asked to get it from this source as some one will be in attendance during those hours for that express purpose.

## GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY.

French War Office Announces Repulse of Two Attacks Last Night. PARIS, Sept. 27.—Two German attacks along the Chemin-des-Dames were repulsed by the French last night, the war office announced. The Germans sustained heavy losses.

## OVER 12 BILLION FRANCS.

French Deputies Nearly Unanimous for Big Appropriation Bill. PARIS, Sept. 26, delayed.—The chamber of deputies tonight passed the appropriation bill for the last quarter of the year by a vote of 480 to 4. The bill called for 12,150,000,000 francs.

## MITCHEL PROBABLY LOST.

Indications That Bennett Received Republican Mayoralty Nomination.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Re-canvas of the vote cast at the Republican primary held last week shows William M. Bennett leading Mayor John P. Mitchell this morning with 314 votes. The earliest reports of the primary result gave Mitchell a majority of approximately 1,200.

## ODD FELLOWS HAVE DISTRICT MEETING

Degree Work by Wantastiquet Lodge Done in Exceptionally Fine Form—More than 200 Present.

Those who attended the annual meeting of district No. 10, I. O. O. F., held with Wantastiquet lodge, No. 5, in Odd Fellows' temple last evening were very interested and instructive. At the banquet which preceded the meeting 166 plates were spread and the utmost good fellowship prevailed while a delectable menu was being served. Music to calve the occasion was furnished by a mandolin and guitar club comprised of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Akeley, Miss Mariop Simonds, Miss Alvina Walker and Miss Edith Douglas. Miss May Cook presided at the piano as accompanist.

Wantastiquet lodge of Brattleboro opened the meeting in form at 7:30 o'clock and by that time the number present had swelled to more than 200, representing 19 lodges. Delegates were present from Keene, Hinsdale and Winchester, N. H., and Winchendon, Mass.

Following the introduction of grand officers, Rev. Delmar E. Trout, pastor of the Universalist church and a member of the local lodge, delivered the address of welcome which was pronounced a masterpiece of eloquence. F. A. DeWitt, vice grand of Newfane lodge, No. 72, responded for the district and Grand Master E. A. Spear of Woodstock for the grand officers.

Vocal selections were rendered by the Wantastiquet quartet composed of E. V. Morse and A. L. Maynard, tenors, and F. S. Knight and F. B. H. Brasher, basses.

The exemplification of the second degree by the degree team of Wantastiquet lodge was declared by all present to be the finest which they ever had seen. The work was carried on by the direction of Degree Master Charles G. Staples and the new scenery recently provided at the temple was used for the first time. Harry C. Wales presided at the organ.

All reports from subordinate lodges indicated that they are in a very prosperous and harmonious condition and stand well from a financial standpoint. The increase in membership has not been so large as in former years because of the absence from the state of so many young men who are performing military duty.

F. W. Jackson of Barre, secretary, gave an exemplification of the order of work, after which remarks for the good of the order were made by Grand Master Spear, Grand Secretary Jackson and Past Grand Representative Page of Keene, N. H.

The committee under direction of which the arrangements were so successfully carried out consisted of A. L. Maynard, P. G., O. D. Stowell, P. G., and H. J. Wilson, P. G.

Lodges in the district include Wantastiquet, No. 5, of Brattleboro, West River, No. 24, of South Londonderry, Wardboro, No. 70, of Wardboro and Newfane, No. 72, of Newfane.

Tonight the grand officers will go to Readboro.

## VERMONT OFFICERS GIVEN BIG JOBS

Getting 26th Division Ready for Oversea Service — Regiment to Be Filled by Men from Ayer.

(Special to The Reformer.)

CAMP BARTLETT, Westfield, Mass., Sept. 27.

The 1st Vermont men are doing their share in getting the 26th division ready for overseas service. The big jobs have been turned to Vermont officers in similar lines of work. Major Watson is in charge of the depot stockhouse; Capt. Eastman, quartermaster of the 1st Vermont, has been appointed camp quartermaster and has charge of the entire camp; Lieut. Boyd, commissary of the 1st Vermont, has taken over the feeding of the whole camp; Capt. Barber, adjutant, has been detailed to the depot quartermaster office; Lieut. Tripp and Lieut. Cortazzo are at work on the ordnance and quartermaster property of the division; Major Cook now has charge of the guard of the entire camp, and Capt. Sullivan is train master in charge of all trains in and out. These details have drawn heavily on the officers of the 1st Vermont, but all are making good and easily taking care of the work owing to their knowledge gained with their own regiment.

It is generally understood that the regiment will soon be filled up by men transferred from Camp Devens at Ayer. Company I enlisted one man today, the first for the regiment for some weeks. Two more recruits for the company are expected within the next week. The company now has 20 men from Brattleboro, several from towns in Windham county and six from Bennington.

Sergt. Foley and Private Voetsch, who have been absent on account of illness, have returned to duty.

Incompatibility. "On what ground does your wife want a divorce? Incompatibility?" "You may call it that. My income isn't compatible with her ideas of comfort."—Boston Transcript.

## WARDSBORO WINS FEDERATION CUP

Interesting Creamery Federation Meeting in Wilmington

## SPECIALISTS SPEAK TO AUDIENCE OF 125

Wilmington and Jacksonville Creameries Get Honorable Mention — First Prize in Cream Test Goes to F. C. Bates of Guilford.

The creamery field meeting held at Wilmington yesterday under the auspices of the Windham County Creamery federation, the Windham County Farm bureau, and the Deerfield Valley creamery was attended by about 125 people from many different towns in the county. All of the six creameries in the federation were represented.

The morning program consisted of a cream judging demonstration by V. R. Jones, manufacturing specialist of the U. S. department of agriculture. Twelve samples of cream were sent in and Mr. Jones scored each sample after making acidity and fat tests. He also exhibited gelatin plates showing the large increase in the bacteria contents of milk due to the lack of sterilization of utensils and to not keeping the milk cool, etc. He provided a high powered microscope through which many of the minute organisms common to ordinary milk could be seen.

At noon the basket lunch was enjoyed on the lawn of Frank H. Fitch. The people of the town provided seats and other conveniences and the ladies served hot coffee.

The afternoon program was opened by Chairman Clark Chandler, president of the Deerfield Valley creamery. Several patriotic songs were rendered by a choir in charge of Porter Fitch. Harmon D. Walker, president of the Brattleboro board of trade, explained the conditions of the creamery improvement contest and gave many interesting and valuable suggestions as to how the creameries in Windham County Creamery federation might advertise their products to good advantage. In behalf of the committee Mr. Walker presented the board of trade creamery improvement cup to the Wardsboro creamery of Wardsboro, as having the neatest and most attractive plant of any of the creameries. He also gave honorable mention to the Deerfield Valley creamery of Wilmington, where a large amount of improvement has been made in the exterior and interior of the plant; also to the North River creamery at Jacksonville, where much improvement has been made on the interior of the plant. He warned the Wardsboro creamery that they would have to go some if they held the cup another year. J. E. Gleason of the Wardsboro creamery responded and stated that the credit was due to their buttermaker, Miss Hanna Halonen. He also stated that if any of the other creameries won the cup away another year they would have to go some.

State Commissioner of Agriculture E. S. Brigham gave an excellent address covering the dairy industry of the state of Vermont. He urged the improving of the dairy herds and the conserving

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## Red Cross Benefit Concert

### AUDITORIUM

## Friday, September 28th

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LUCIEN HOWE, Accompanist

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